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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN PRESS ON US CHARTER 77 AND SAKHAROV

1. BCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE PAPER RABOTNICHESKO DELO RIPPED INTO
US JANUARY 30 FOR "UNPRECEDENTED STEP OF OPEN INTERFERENCE IN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY" IN ISSUING JANUARY 27
SAKHAROV HUMAN RIGHTS STATEMENT. ARTICLE NOTED ALSO, IN
RETROSPECT, PREVIOUS US DECLARATION JANUARY 26 REGARDING "INFAMOUS
CHARTER '77."

2. HEADLINE FOR DELO ARTICLE READ "CRUDE FOREIGN POLICY STEP
OF US." UNDER BULGARIAN TELEGRAPH AGENCY NEW YORK DATELINE, US
ACTIONS WERE DESCRIBED AS "UNEXPECTED" AND NEW YORK TIMES WAS
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QUOTED AS POSING QUESTION AS TO WHETHER CARTER ADMINISTRATION
WAS PURSUING A NEW LINE. REMAINING 5/6THS OF ARTICLE REPEAT
TASS PIECE BY YURI KORNILOV ATTACKING SAKHAROV AND ENDING WITH
RUSSIAN PROVERB, "IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE FORD, DON'T GO IN THE
WATER."

3. MOD PAPER NARODNA ARMIA JANUARY 30 ALSO CARRIED PART OF

KORNILOV PIECE UNDER HEADING "NEW ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN," WITH
NO MENTION OF CHARTER '77 STATEMENT.

4. BULGARIAN JOURNALIST COMMENTED TO EMBOFF JANUARY 30 THAT
ACTIVE, PUBLIC US ROLE IN HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS IN EASTERN
EUROPE, AND ESPECIALLY IN SOVIET UNION, MIGHT JEOPARDIZE
DETENTE AND MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD SALT 2 AGREEMENT MORE DIFFICULT
AS WELL AS MAKE BELGRADE '77 AN ACRIMONIOUS AFFAIR. AT SAME TIME,
HE SAID, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR GOB TO
MOUNT EFFECTIVE COUNTER-CAMPAIGN IN BULGARIA WITHOUT TELLING
BULGARIAN PEOPLE MUCH MORE THAN THEY NOW KNOW ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE
SUPPOSED TO BE AGAINST. (AS FAR AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, TEXT OF
CHARTER '77 HAS STILL NOT SURFACED IN SOFIA, A JUDGMENT CONFIRMED
BY BULGARIAN SOURCES WHO ARE WILLING TO DISCUSS MATTERS.)
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